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Fireworks Safety & Public Display Schedule

Santa Rosa County urges everyone to use caution and common sense when celebrating the Fourth of July holidays. Fireworks, while fun, can also be very dangerous and many are illegal in the state of Florida. ***A good rule of thumb is if it flies or explodes, it is not legal in Florida.*** Using illegal fireworks is a first-degree misdemeanor, and is a crime punishable by a \$1,000 fine and up to one year in jail. If you spot a brush or wildfire or if someone is injured, immediately call 9-1-1.

What's prohibited?

- Aerial fireworks
- Explosive fireworks

What's allowed?

- Over 2,000 state approved sparklers, trick noise makers, and fountains. These products have "emits a fountain or shower of sparks" on the package. These are legal anytime of the year.
- Permitted public fireworks displays.
- The State Fire Marshal's approved sparkler list can be found at www.myfloridacfo.com/division/sfm/BFP/ApprovedSparklerLists.htm

The safest way to enjoy fireworks with your family is to participate in one of the public fireworks displays offered throughout Santa Rosa County. Local displays include:

- Navarre, Saturday, July 4, the fireworks will originate from the Navarre Beach Marine Park on Navarre Beach. The fireworks will begin at approximately 9 p.m. and will be visible from many sound and gulf side locations.
- Town of Jay, Saturday July 4, 9 p.m. at the Bray-Hendrix Park, 5213 Booker Lane.
- Riverfest, Saturday, July 4, Downtown Milton over the Blackwater River at dark. For a schedule of activities visit www.srcchamber.com.

If you decide to celebrate the Fourth of July at home with sparklers, it's important to know sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees - hot enough to melt some metals. Here are some helpful tips to minimize your chance of accident or injury:

- Only purchase state approved sparklers from licensed vendors.
- Prior to use, be sure to read and follow all warnings and instructions.
- Only light sparklers on a flat smooth surface away from combustible materials. Do not light them on grass.
- Keep a fire extinguisher or water hose on-hand for emergencies.
- Never have any portion of your body directly over the sparkler when lighting the fuse.
- Never allow children to play or use any sparkler or novelty device without supervision.
- Do not use any unwrapped item that may have been tampered.
- Light only one item at a time and never attempt to re-light a "dud" Discard of all products safely.
- Submerge used and "dud" sparklers in water prior to placing in household trash receptacles.

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